

President's Announcement of members to the Standing Finance Committee

Mr. President : I have to announce that for the election of three members to the Standing Finance Committee nominations from the following two members were received up to 5 p.m. yesterday:

1. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon.
2. „ K. T. Achuthan.

These two Hon'ble Members have been duly elected to the Standing Finance Committee. For the election of the remaining one member, nominations will be received by the Secretary to the Legislative Council up to 5 p.m. to-day. The election will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 11th April 1946.

President's announcement of nominations received to the Text Book Committee

For the election of two members to the Text-Book Committee nominations of the following members have been received :

1. Mr. P. K. Dever.
2. „ T. K. L. Kunhuvaried.
3. „ C. S. Panicker.
4. „ K. S. Panicker.
5. „ M. K. Verghese.

The election will be conducted by the Chief Secretary to Government at 5 p.m. to-day.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—(cont.)

59. 2-A-2-Supplies and Services—grow more food vegetables

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 41,850 under "2-A-2-Supplies and Services—Grow more Vegetables".

To augment the food resources of this State Government propose to encourage cultivation of vegetables on a large scale. The scheme is intended to induce every cultivator to produce as large a quantity of vegetable as possible. Government aim at a target of 5000 acres of lands to be additionally brought under vegetable cultivation during the next twelve months. This is expected to yield nearly fifteen thousand tons of additional food of a highly nutritive and protective nature.

The following concessions are proposed to be given to the growers of vegetables in order to induce them to enhance the production:—

- (i) supply of special vegetable manure free of cost to the extent of 25 lbs.; further quantities to be supplied at 50 per cent of the cost.
- (ii) subsidy to the extent of Rs. 25 per acre for putting new fencing and for deepening wells for supplying water in the area;
- (iii) free supply of several kinds of seeds and seedlings to cultivators.

An additional allotment of Rs. 41,850 is required to meet the expenditure for the current year on this account under "2-A-2-Supplies and Services—Grow More Vegetables". I request the House may be pleased to vote for the grant.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know, Sir, whether the Minister has got any detailed definite plan regarding this scheme?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes. I have got. The idea is this. For the present, of course, we want to encourage cultivation of vegetable products because they will serve as supplementary food if there is any scarcity for grains and the idea at present is to help such growers. For that purpose we are going to carry out an all Cochin Propaganda to induce the ryots to take this kind of cultivation and if it is found that more money is required for additional cultivation we wish to give that additional money. This cultivation will be carried out under the direct supervision of the Agricultural Department or the Agricultural Inspectors. The Panchayatdars and teachers are also requested to distribute seeds and to supervise the cultivation, in this direction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know, Sir, whether this is not another failure of the "Grow More Food Campaign"?